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Mr. Thomas V. Skinner  
Regional Administrator  
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Re: Knox County Eight-hour Ozone Recommendation

Dear Mr. Skinner:

I am writing to revise the recommendation for the nonattainment designation of the eight-hour ozone standard in the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Knox County was included as part of the Columbus MSA due to a monitored violation at the Centerburg monitor. This monitor is located in the extreme southwestern corner of the county in Hilliar Township. See enclosed map. Hilliar Township is located adjacent to the recommended nonattainment counties of Delaware and Licking. We do not believe that the ozone data from this monitor are representative of the entire county but are, instead, an indication of the outer reaches of the impact of the Columbus MSA.

Knox County is a rural, agricultural county with a total population of 55,000. There are only two Title V facilities in the entire county, neither of which emit over one ton of either volatile organic compounds (VOCs) or nitrogen oxides (NOx). Based on the geographic location of the monitor and the lack of any significant sources of emissions in the county, it is apparent that any control strategy that will bring the Centerburg monitor into attainment must be directed to sources outside of Knox County.

We, therefore, are amending our July 15, 2003 recommendation to only include Hilliar Township as the portion of Knox County that should be included in the nonattainment designation of the eight-hour ozone standard.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions concerning this request, please feel free to contact me at 614-644-2782.

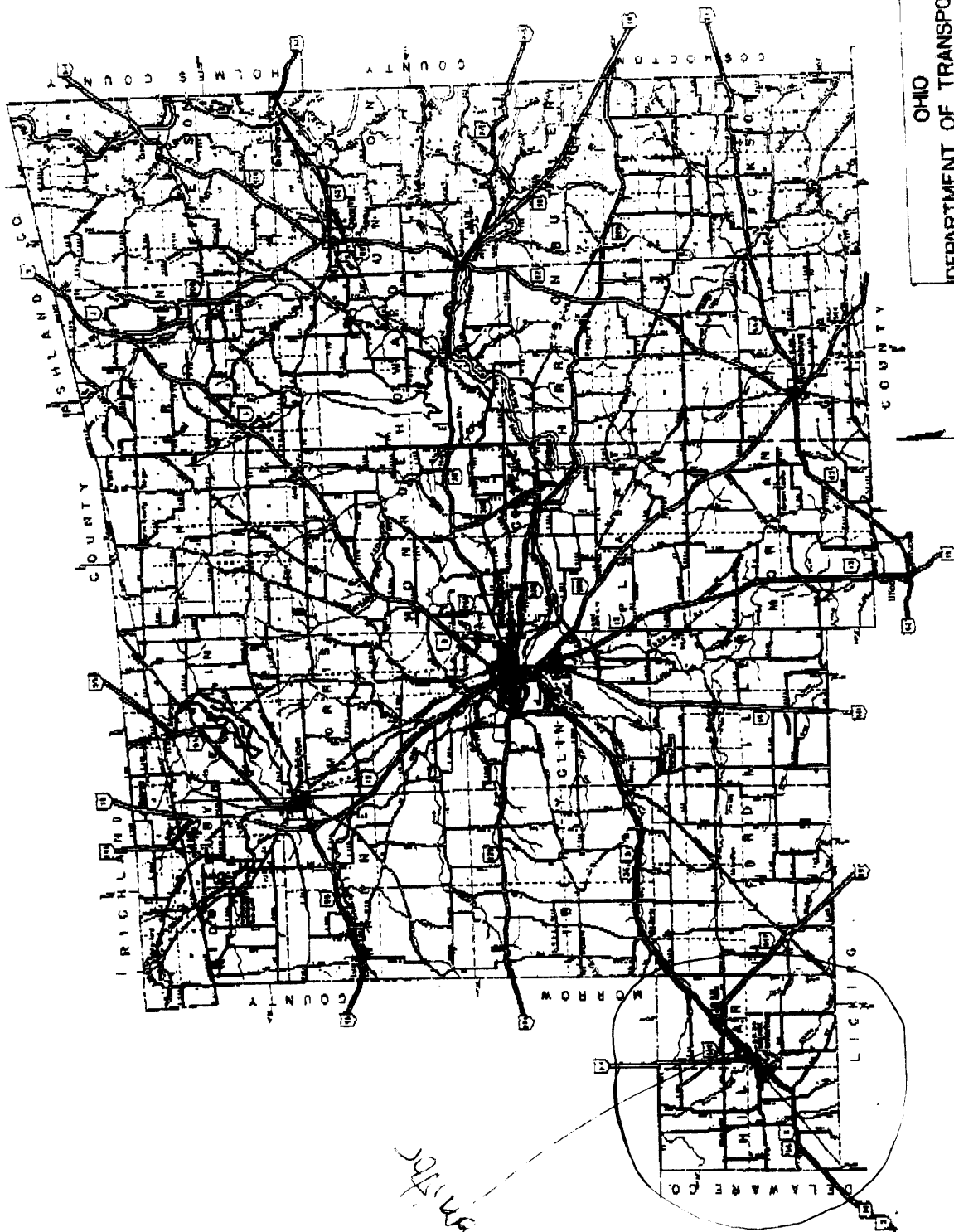
Sincerely,

Christopher Jones  
Director

Ben Ray Lujan, Governor  
Jennifer Bradley, Lieutenant Governor  
Christopher Jones, Director



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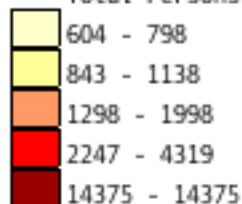
KNOX COUNTY

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## Data Classes

Total Persons



## Boundaries

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## Features

Major Road

Street

Stream/Waterbody

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are not visible  
at this zoom level

